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From Assemblywoman Denise Coyle

Dear Mrs. Gurisic,

I would like to take this opportunity to send my congratulations to former Mayor Grace Gurisic on the recognition of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her swearing in as mayor of Rocky Hill. I regret I am not able to join the evening's events, but be assured I wish you well on this honor.

It is delightful to see you acknowledged for this milestone and I would like to add to it my personal applause for your trailblazing efforts as a female elected official, not only as the first and only female Mayor of Rocky Hill, but also the youngest. Your period as the first woman on the Somerset County Board of Chosen Freeholder from 1960-1965 paved the way for future women leaders, including Governor Whitman, former Freeholders Rose McConnell and Doris Dealaman, Freeholder Pat Wash and me.

I'd also like to take a moment to send my appreciation to Mayor Zimmerman and the Rocky Hill Borough Council for their decision to recognize you, Grace. I commend the mayor and council for their "gracious" actions.

Again, congratulations to you, Grace. I am pleased that you are recognized for all the hard work you've done, and for helping to open the door for women in elected office.

Sincerely,

Denise Coyle

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